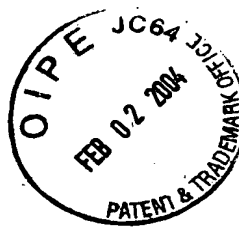


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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated October 2, 2003, in which the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and 112. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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